



West Boylston Solid Waste Advisory Team

Since 2007, we're working for a greener, cleaner town.

Where can I get a free recycling bin? As an incentive to recycle MORE, the Dept. of Public Works (DPW) has secured 1500 recycling bins; available on a first come first serve basis. Get one at the DPW.

Where can I purchase PAYT bags? Stop & Shop, Price Chopper, Ace Hardware, Honey Farms, Municipal Light Department, Walgreens at \$.50 for 15 gallon bag or \$1.00 for 33 gallon bag

What is the town's recycling rate? At year-end FY11 (June 30, 2011) WB residents produced 2083 tons of waste = 662 tons of recyclables and 1421 tons of trash. WB's recycling rate = 32%, which is a 10% increase since PAYT.

Has our trash tonnage continued to go down since Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) started? The 1st year of PAYT (FY10) trash dropped an impressive 33%. However trash tonnage is up a 2% at the end of FY11 as compared with FY10.

What are the costs of trash collection & disposal?



With 2570 households participating, the last fiscal year we spent:

Disposal (Casella) =	\$101, 001
Collection costs (Allied Waste) =	\$222,554
Total trash cost =	\$323,555
Bag income at year-end FY11 =	\$152,050
Bag purchases (Phoenix Recycling)	\$36,971

Net bag income = **\$115,079**

Recyclables are free to dispose of, so when you toss into a recycle bin instead of a trash bin you save money.

Don't Overdo it by throwing things that don't belong in the recycling bins such as most children's toys, styrofoam, and materials covered in food waste.

Usually plastic containers with # 1-7 are permitted.

Bring plastic bags for recycling at supermarkets, not in bins.

Weight Limit = 40 pounds for the large bag.

How can we reduce the trash we produce?

1. Buy less or buy in bulk.
2. Reuse. Try to stretch past 1 time use items.
3. Divert. Trade or share items with neighbors and friends.
4. Compost. Much of food waste can be great for gardens. See www.westboylston-ma.go v for how to compost.
5. Support the New Bottle Bill that includes water bottles. According to MASSPIRG, "80% of beverages that are covered by the bottle bill are redeemed...only 22% of non-deposit containers get recycled...1/3 of containers are not covered in the 27-year old bottle bill."1.

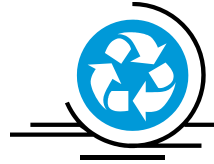
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What are my choices to keep stuff out of the trash?

1. Donate used clothing and household goods to charities or churches to help folks who need assistance. Savers in Worcester takes toys, sports equipment, clothes, books, appliances and computers free of charge.
2. Wachusett Watershed Regional Recycling Center 131 Raymond Huntington Highway, West Boylston is open Wednesdays 2:30 – 4:30 and the 3rd Saturday each month 8 – 11AM. Collected for FREE = styrofoam, batteries, electronics and computer parts, thermometers, household goods, bicycles, reusable furniture, books, and appliances. Fees apply to bulk items the center must dispose of. See the town website www.westboylston-ma.gov for a full listing.
3. WB Library takes books year-round now.
4. Boy Scouts hold collections for returnable bottles & cans as a fundraiser at Edwards Elementary School.
5. Give your old printer cartridges and cell phones to the WB schools. Last year the schools earned \$40,000 in technology equipment thanks to people who recycled through this program.
6. To learn more: www.earth911.org or www.mass.gov/dep.